First Preliminary Amendment

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Page 1, immediately following the title "LINSEED EXTRACT FOR XEROSTOMIA TREATMENT," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB05/00426, which was filed February 7, 2005, claiming benefit of priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0402539.1, which was filed February 5, 2004. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 20, immediately after claim 17, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a water-soluble or water-dispersible linseed extract for the treatment of xerostomia characterised in that the extract has an absorption of at least 1.2 g/m², wherein the adsorption is measured by contacting an aqueous solution or dispersion of the extract with a silica substrate, rinsing the silica substrate and then measuring the adsorption by ellipsometry.

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